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During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW,LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. For these reports have been translated and issued by

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED] The numbering of the items was added by the translator since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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## The Soviet Union

## Military-Economic Report

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Civil Air Fleet

(1) In a supplementary deciphered message of 6 March from Alma-Ata to Moscow, a 6th Flight Regiment is named which must be subordinate to the Kazakh Directorate. In addition three Tu 52 planes are urgently required since they are needed for supply flights of the Armaments Industry in Balkhash and Karaganda.

(2) On 8 March Irkutsk reported to Moscow in a coded message that on 9 March nine airplanes will be started on a flight over the following route: - Cheremkhovo - Tulun - Nizhne Udinsk - Kansk - Krasnoyarsk - Bogotol - Anzherskaya Sudzhenka - Petropavlovsk - Kurgan- Krasno Ufinsk - Yanaul - Syuginskaya - Cheboksary - Gorkij.

(3) Recently the designation "Avia - Vokhr" appeared in messages. It is possible that it concerns special divisions of the inner defense which are assigned only to the Air Fleet organizations.

Personnel Situation

(4) NKRF Astrakhan reports that as of 1 March 461 men are being trained. Of these 257 men were recruited for the fleet. They include:

Firemen	137
Lubricators	35
Lathe operators	16
Mechanics	16
Carpenters	29
Others	14

For the economic enterprises 204 men were recruited:

Foundry men	8
Model cabinet makers	4
Electricians	12
Lubricators	11
Carpenters	14
Cabinet makers	10

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Boiler smiths	18
Electric welders	10
Motor mechanics	7
Mechanics	20
Lathe operators	71
Copper smiths	7
Others	11

Agriculture, Food, and Fodder

- (5) Ordzhonikidze requires for sowing purposes:

Oats	360 tons
Bush beans	47.2 "
Spring wheat	145.2 "
Barley	45.2 "
Rice	30.6 "
Maize	450 "
Hemp	58 "
Sugar beets	20 "
Perennial grass	16.3 "
Annual grass	644 "
Cabbage	0.2 "
Tomatoes	1.1 "
Cucumbers	3 "
Red beets	2 "
Carrots	0.8 "
Symphytum roots	2.6 "
Radishes	4 "
Common turnips	5.5 "
Black radishes	0.5 "

- (6) There are 5695 tractors at 126 motor-tractor stations in Stavropol Oblast':

including ready for service      2176

At 70 motor-tractor stations there are:

combines	1517
including not ready for service	212
trucks	32
including not ready for service	4
work benches	250
tractor plows	3015
sowing machines	1759

1014 collectives of Stavropol Oblast' possess:

Horse plows	10469
Sowing machines	3029
Harrows	39280

1141 collectives have:

Horses	31731
Oxen	32103
Cows	21389

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1138 collectives have in summer grains:

Wheat	5013.3 tons
Barley	18680.3 "
Maize	6602.4 "
Millet	6055.7 "
Oats	3555.3 "
Rice	114.9 "
Sunflower	17071.8 "
Potatoes	8744.2 "
Castor oil plant	1126.3 "

(7) Zestafoni "Ferro Plant" had on 1 March:

Horses	228
Oxen	4
and as grain stock	3 tons

(8) Novosibirsk received 0.45 ton of dog food in March.

Metals

(9) The city council in Tiflis requests a transformer of 1000 kw. for the organization of carbide production by the evacuated base.

(10) The third Arsenal received 90 tons of cast iron in the first quarter.

(11) Tiflis shipped 49 tons of copper to Plant "Komsomolets" in Tambov.

(12) Tiflis manufactured 3 tons of copper products on 8 March. Since the beginning of the month, 12 tons of copper products have been furnished. Stock inventory is 153 tons.

(13) Krasnovodsk shipped for the agricultural supply base in Tiflis:

Babbitt	4371 tons
Bronze	1198 "

(14) For the commission of the Directorate for Commodities Distribution and Supply 2000 items of 4.7 mm steel balls were requested.

(15) For Plant "Kirov" in Tiflis there is requested:

Phosphorized copper	0.1 ton
32-36 mm. brass bars	0.1 "
Pressure gauge of 300 atmospheres	1 item

(16) Metal Products Sales in Tiflis received 10 tons of nails.

(17) Baku will receive 10 tons of nails from Tiflis.

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(18) Zestafoni, "Ferro Plant", received from the Chief Directorate for Non-ferrous Metals Trade:

Copper scrap	5 tons
Zinc	0.5 "

(19) Chiaturi must ship 8,000 tons of ore, above the planned amount, for Zestafoni "Ferro Plant" in March.

(20) Zestafoni, "Ferro Plant" delivered the following materials which must be given back to the State Reserves Directorate:

for the machine plant in Uralsk	75% iron	125 tons
" Plant #112	75% "	60 "
" " 174	44% "	40 "
" " 178	75% "	15 "
" " 183	75% "	60 "
	75% "	80 "

(21) Stavropol reports to the NK for the Meat and Dairy Industry in Moscow that the cannery has been completely destroyed. The management personnel have returned. There are 60 tons of sheet iron.

(22) Vorontsovo-Aleksandrovsk requests for 1 June a timely delivery of:

Bobbitt	0.1 ton
Nails	0.5 "

Chemicals

(23) The Chief Directorate for Chemical Sales in Tiflis must deliver to the Georgian Road Directorate:

Carbide-calcium	1 ton
Soda	0.2 "
Sulphuric acid	0.2 "
Sal ammoniac	0.01"

(24) For the Georgian NK for Transportation there were shipped from "Sovpren":

to Nevinomysskaya	soda	12 tons
" Armavir	"	25 "
" Tiflis	"	6 "

(25) Plant "Kirov" urgently needs:

grey paint	1 ton
camouflage paint	2 tons
fireproof paint	1 ton



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(26) Rakinsk (Georgia) is to ship to the soap factory 100 tons of black cottonseed oil.

(27) The work bench industry is to receive 12 tons of carbide from the chemical factory in Kirovakan.

(28) The soap factory requires 50 tons of cottonseed oil from Kirovabad.

(29) The Chief Directorate for Construction Supply in Sverdlovsk received 1 carload of carbide from Erivan.

(30) One carload of carbide is to be delivered to Astrakhan within five days.

(31) Plant 15 will make 50 tons of oil of vitriol available in March.

(32) The lithopone plant in Kutais will make available 8 tons of calcine soda.

(33) The Rubber Sales in Moscow must deliver immediately:

fuses	200,000 m.
detonating caps	100,000 units

(34) Baku shipped 9.5 tons of sal ammoniac for "Sovpren".

(35) The machine factory "Dzerzhinskij" is to receive 0.7 ton of silver graphite from Kyshtym.

(36) The chemical factory in Bereznikov is to deliver 24 tons of sal ammoniac.

(37) The chemical factory in Kirovakan is to ship 850 tons of carbide according to the March plan.

(38) Fifty cars were granted by Amaly Railroad Station to the Armenian chemical factory for March for the transport of minerals.

(39) The lithopone plant in Kutais will receive from the combine in Tsatskvi (Georgia):

fuses	25,000 m.
detonating caps	5,000 units

(40) For the Armenian sulphuric acid factory in Alaverdy 44 tons of ammonium nitrate were shipped in Chirchik (Tashkent Oblast').

(41) The factories in Neftechalinsk, Romaninsk, and Zurakhansk are each to receive in March from Tashkent one carload of hydrochloric acid.

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Production

(42) NKRF - Ufa built a barge of 100 tons. The cost amounted to 58,000 rubles.

(43) NKRF - Kujbyshev is to supply the wintering ships of the Kama Fleet with spare parts.

(44) The Amu-Darya Steamship Agency is to receive 20 motor-ship and (blade-) wheels from old cutters from Stalingrad. 10 cutters are to be built in Voronezh.

Reconstruction

(45) A radio connection must be set up between Stalingrad and Kalach. The necessary radio stations must be equipped as soon as possible.

(46) 500 members of Komsomol - Youth Organization are being mobilized for the reconstruction of Stalingrad harbor.

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